

DEPARTMENT: Board BY: Supervisor Parker PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes\_\_\_ No X)

Discuss request to support RCRC's resolution relative to rural counties' area of origin alternative to be offered to the State Water Resources Control Board during its water rights proceedings and the Calfed process.

The resolution from RCRC is attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None on this request.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Approve request to support RCRC's position.
- 2) Do not approve and provide alternative direction.

<p><b>COSTS:</b> (x) Not Applicable</p> <p>A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____</p> <p>B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____</p> <p>C. Required additional funding \$ _____</p> <p>D. Internal transfers \$ _____</p> <p><b>SOURCE:</b> ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required</p> <p>A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____</p> <p>B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____</p> <p>C. Source description: _____</p> <p>Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ _____</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</b> List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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<p><b>CLERK'S USE ONLY:</b></p> <p>Res. No.: <u>96-25</u> Ord. No. _____</p> <p>Vote - Ayes: <u>3</u> Noes: _____</p> <p>Absent: _____ Abstained: _____</p> <p>( ) Approved ( ) Denied</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary</p> <p>The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board County of Mariposa, State of California</p> <p>By: _____ Deputy</p>	<p><b>COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:</b> This item on agenda as:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Policy Determination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Submitted with Comment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Returned for Further Action</p> <p>Comment: _____</p> <p>C.A.O. Initials: <u>MC</u></p>
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

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TO: REGIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL COUNTIES

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *mw*

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 96-25

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on January 16, 1996

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discuss Request to Support Regional Council of Rural Counties  
Resolution Relative to Rural Counties' Area of Origin Alternative  
to be Offered to the State Water Resources Control Board During  
its Water Rights Proceedings and the Calfed Process  
(Supervisor Parker)

**BOARD ACTION:** Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Taber, Res.  
96-25 adopted supporting RCRC's position/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File

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of Rural  
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**REGIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL COUNTIES**

**RESOLUTION 95-04**

**IN SUPPORT OF RURAL COUNTIES' AREA OF ORIGIN  
ALTERNATIVE TO BE OFFERED TO THE STATE WATER  
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD DURING ITS WATER RIGHTS  
PROCEEDINGS AND THE CALFED PROCESS**

After careful consideration and due deliberation, the Directors of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), upon motion made by Plumas County Supervisor Robert Meacher, and duly seconded, adopted the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) is a quasi-public federation comprised of Supervisors from the following diverse group of 25-member rural counties: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne; and

**WHEREAS**, RCRC was established to engage in any lawful activity to provide aggressive and unified support of common efforts in behalf of its member counties to advance the vital public interest in effective, efficient and responsive rural local government; and

**WHEREAS**, California's rural counties contain natural and developed resources that contribute to the diversity, economic well-being, of the state and such rural areas constitute one of the great agriculture centers of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the economies and natural resources of rural California are inextricably intertwined in a complex intergovernmental relationship and RCRC is firmly committed to identify and promote ways to improve local participation in resource policy development and implementation by state, regional and Federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, RCRC desires to participate cooperatively with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the many groups, including Federal, state, regional agencies and the private sector active in the Delta Water Rights proceedings which will assist rural areas manage their growth and development while preserving their natural resources and strengthen and stabilize their rural economies.

**WHEREAS**, RCRC views with considerable interest, SB 900 (Costa), which, when enacted, will authorize a general obligation bond act for the November 5, 1996 ballot, to authorize and finance environmental mitigation and water supply projects, including a comprehensive plan for the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta, CALFED plan and other Bay/Delta related projects etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to assist the rural counties in their cooperative and concerted efforts to protect and preserve the area of origin water rights in the rural areas of the State and to ensure greater local rural involvement in shaping the important water resources decisions for the benefit of present and future rural generations, RCRC has agreed to form an outreach collaborative working task force, comprised of a cross-section of public and private representatives from the rural areas, and selected Plumas County Supervisor Robert Meacher to serve as Chairman to represent RCRC during the proceedings conducted by the SWRCB and other governmental agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, RCRC acknowledges that on December 14, 1995, the Northern California Supervisors Association adopted Resolution 95-1 which conveyed its support for county watershed of origin alternatives and said action is consistent with the purposes expressed by this RCRC Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, there are presently numerous activities moving forward to resolve water rights issues in California including Bay-Delta proceedings, CUWA-AG negotiations, CALFED Process, Legislation, SWP Contract (small projects fund), and state and Federal funding sources (CH2M-Hill Effort); and

**WHEREAS**, member counties have been regularly attending these meetings and are currently advancing water rights, Areas of Origin, and watershed restoration options to be included in any statewide agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, these member counties' positions are consistent with other upstream counties whose watersheds supply 80% of the developed water in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, at least one member county has hired water rights attorneys and the engineering firm of CH2M-Hill to quantify the amount of value added to the state's water system from appropriate upstream watershed management; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the CH2M-Hill study will likely have relevance to the water rights of all other Northern California watershed counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the rural counties of California are an essential component of a vibrant statewide economy and have much to lose if their resources are not managed wisely; now therefore be it


**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Regional Council of Rural Counties, that the Supervisors thereof, for and in behalf of its 25-member counties, by this Resolution, wishes to convey to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and other interested groups, its strong and active support for protecting watershed area of origin protection alternatives, such as those previously expressed by Plumas County; and be it further

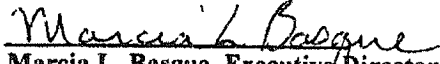
**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisors from RCRC respectfully urge the SWRCB to officially recognize and include RCRC and its representatives to join in all the workshops, proceedings, hearings, deliberations, meetings and forums on this important subject area related to developing and implementing decisions on water resources issues; and be it further


**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director of RCRC is hereby directed to immediately transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor of California, the Secretary of the Resources Agency, the Chairman of the State Water Resources Control Board, the Director of the Department of Water Resources, the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, each Member of the Senate and Assembly Rural Caucuses, the Chairs of the Senate Agriculture and Water, and Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committees, and to each RCRC member county Board of Supervisors.

Passed and adopted by the Regional Council of Rural Counties this 14th Day of December 1995.

**REGIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL COUNTIES**

BY:   
Bill Reid, President

BY:   
Marcia L. Basque, Executive Director

ATTEST:   
Les H. Cohen, Lobbyist Advocate